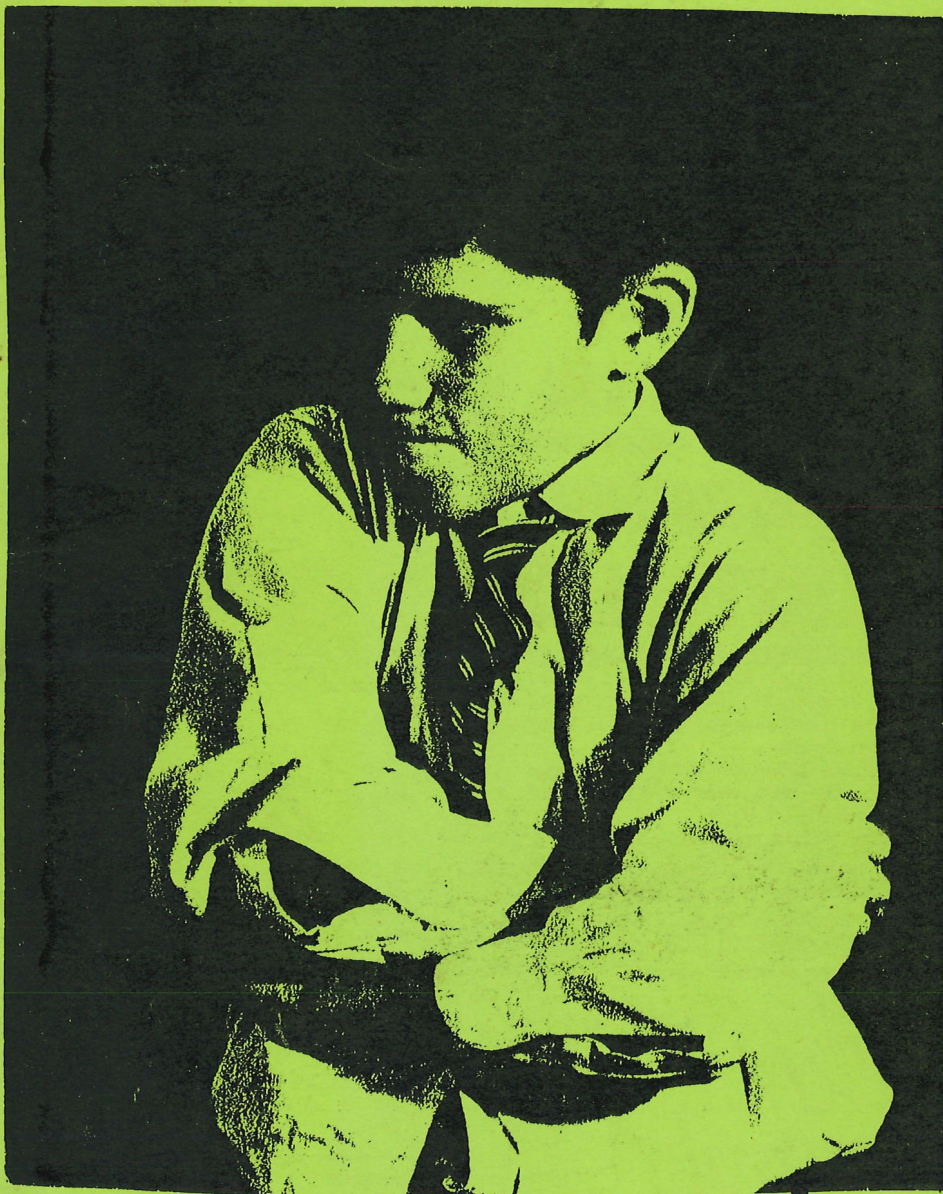


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THE KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE

How many of us have pain inside of us that we rarely speak about? Probably a lot of us. It's not the sort of thing you bring up in conversation generally, although sometimes it does come up and you can get a bit of torment off your chest.

My father beat me round. He would lose his temper and clobber me. Around the head and face sometimes, at other times, when I was younger, he'd belt me. At first it was over the backside but he'd lose control of himself and his anger and then he'd belt me and my brother across the legs and up the back with the leather belt he wore daily. Once he was so irate that he pinned me to the floor with his legs over my arms and slapped me continuously across the face for over a minute. I was still in high school at the time. About fourteen I think. It fucked me up real bad. Mum was screaming at him to stop but he wouldn't. Or couldn't. Afterwards I ran to my room, hyperventilating, in shock from the beating physically but more so from the emotional terror I had just experienced. My father scared me. He always scared me. He never showed love, compassion or understanding. Why? I asked myself over and over again. Was it my fault? Was I causing all this tension and distress in the family? I began to think that it was all my fault. That I'd brought all this violence onto myself.

The way dad spoke to me. He saw me as a burden on his shoulders. There I was eating his food, drinking his drinks, living under the roof that he had to pay for. He paid for almost everything and he believed that I just took it for granted. He was wrong about that. Strangely, I still loved him very much but this is the classic domestic violence scenario. The one who hurts you most is the one you are closest to. So many of us are trapped inside of this situation and although we are all looking for an exit we often don't find it because to do so means having real friends to help you get out - and in my situation being a kid didn't help.

Kids are just extensions of their parents it seems, with few rights and little freedom. If kids whinge about their treatment then they're ungrateful for what they've been given. Adults at times seem to lack an understanding of kids and stupidly respect the right of parents to treat their kids willy-nilly; children are people too, in their own right. They have their own lives, albeit naive or ignorant with plenty to learn. But it seems that adults respect the right of parents to treat their kids how they please simply because they are the kids' parents. While parents' must be given a wide ranging scope to bring up their children in the manner they deem fitting, the area of child upbringing needs to be brought into the public arena for scrutiny. If more parents saw how other kids were treated they may learn something - what to do or what not to do. Most importantly, if kids were brought up on a communal basis (nothing hippy in this idea) then parents' would not only receive a well deserved break from child-rearing through community child minding and labour sharing but would also gain valuable insights into how kids react to different situations. This would give parents' the opportunity of an objective viewpoint which they rarely have the time to arrange for themselves and give the kids the chance to reach out and meet some new (trusted) people.

FROM 'ANGRY PEOPLE' MAGAZINE

ANGRY PEOPLE

WHO WE ARE

Angry People are a group committed to spreading the ideas of revolutionary class struggle.

WHAT WE DO

As well as producing the paper we produce other propaganda such as stickers, posters, leaflets and t-shirts. We are active in our local areas and are involved in a range of struggles and campaigns. We are part of a wider struggle and to this end we network nationally and internationally.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe everyone has a birthright to the basics in life these being, decent food, clothing, housing, health care, a livelihood and well-being. This society is not geared towards providing these things to all because it is divided up into classes. To redress this situation the working class must wage a totally uncompromising class war against the rich and win. The working class are a varied bunch of people who make up the bulk of the population. What makes us working class is not what pub we drink in, what clothes we wear or what car we drive. These are cultural aspects of the working class but not the defining factors. What makes us working class is that we all have a common enemy who exploits and oppresses us. We are everything the middle and upper classes are not.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

We want an end to the denial of our birthright and a chance to start building our lives, our communities and our society in a fashion that ensures society's resources are shared equally amongst all. We want to see the basis of society's structure as non-hierarchical. This means decision-making power must be equally accesible to everyone.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

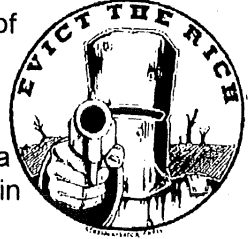
By combatting reactionary ideas that take root amongst the working class ie: racism, sexism, ageism and all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Encouraging working class people to organise themselves as a class to meet their own needs and desires. Involvement in the day to day struggles waged by the working class as equals and not leaders.

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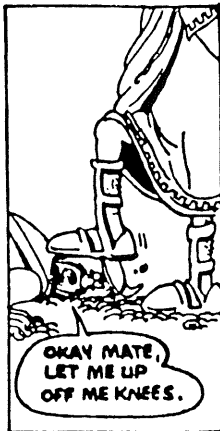
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Spit case boy goes on the run

ONE of two boys accused of having spat at independent federal MP Pauline Hanson absconded from government care after a court appearance yesterday.

The boy escaped from a Families, Youth and Community Care Department official after saying he needed to go to the toilet at Ipswich Court, in Queensland.

Police have been asked to find the boy and take him to a youth detention centre in Brisbane.

Aboriginal Legal Service solicitor Daniel Habermann said the boys were to appear on 10 April for a committal hearing.

Families, Youth and Community Care Department director-general, the Reverend Allan Male, said his department recommended the younger boy, 11, live with his mother and the 12-year-old who escaped be returned to detention.

The alleged spitting incident occurred last month at Ms Hanson's Ipswich electorate office.



**THIS IS
CLASS
WAR!**

Four youths arrested after fires at schools

By TREVOR SEYMOUR

KIAMA police have arrested four youths after a series of school fires during the Christmas holidays.

The four boys — three aged 13 and one aged 12 — were arrested late on Wednesday following a scrub fire on the outskirts of the town.

A police spokesman said the first fire damaged a toilet block at the Catholic Church school on December 14, causing \$500 damage.

The second fire occurred at the Kiama Infants School on Sunday, January 9 and destroyed a toilet block and a ride-on lawnmower and caused several thousand dollars' damage.

The youths allegedly started a third fire last Monday which destroyed an office at the Kiama

Primary School. Police allege the group broke into into a garden storage shed and stole tools before using paper and an accelerant to start the fire about 9.30pm.

The blaze caused an estimated \$30,000 damage to the school.

Kiama police said they arrested one of the youths at home yesterday.

They have been charged with malicious damage by fire and break and enter offences.

All four will appear in Kiama Children's Court on Friday, February 14.

The NSW Fire Brigade service attended 127 fires at schools in 1996.

A spokesman for the Department of Education said the school security budget was \$5 million.



**ONLY SHEEP
NEED A LEADER**



NSW police are to be given the power to break up groups of three or more people in public areas and demand their names and addresses, but only after local communities request that the power be used.

Under the proposal, police will be able to act immediately if notified of a group causing a nuisance.

But the Minister for Police, Mr Whelan, said that as a safeguard against abuse, police would need "reasonable grounds to believe the group's behaviour is likely to obstruct, harass or intimidate".

He said that while the law would target hooligans, it would not be restricted to specific age groups.

Police at present can demand names and addresses only from troublemakers on trains and in traffic matters.

The penalty for refusal to comply with the new Crimes Act (Street Safety) Amendment Act will be a fine or 100 hours' community service, similar to that for offensive language.

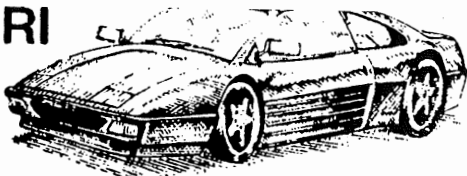
The Opposition welcomed the plan and the Police Commissioner, Mr Ryan, said police powers had to be extended if they were to deal with street crime.

The secretary of the NSW Council of Civil Liberties, Mr Ken Buckley, said the law would discriminate against youths and Aborigines and that police already had sufficient authority to deal with street harassment.

However, the proposal was backed by the Opposition spokesman on police, Mr Tink, who said NSW had experienced an alarming increase in gang activity, borne out by an average 25 per cent increase in assaults since the election of the Carr Government.

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Fight the Power (or Fuck Off)

Every day people see unemployment, violence, teenage suicide, drug addiction and child abuse. Politicians have an endless supply of excuses, but people are getting sick of hearing them. Meanwhile the rich are happy to get richer while the rest of us suffer. We think that there have been enough excuses. When one person lives in luxury and another person can't get enough to eat, something is wrong. When we are led by greedy fools who've probably never even heard of us, something is wrong. When the police who are more likely to bash us than help us, something is wrong.

Activate was set up to promote anarchism. This is the idea that we should all have equal rights: everyone having an equal say in running things instead of having police and politicians, and everyone doing equal amount of work and getting an equal share, instead of most people working for bugger all and some people being rich and not working at all.

There are three main groups in society. The groups are called classes. The people who are rich and powerful are called the upper class. They are people who don't have to work because they get heaps of money from things they own, for example from renting out houses. The upper class also includes the people who have political power. The second group is called the middle class. They are people who run society for the upper class. Managers of shops, people who own small businesses, and people who boss you round at work are all middle class. Most middle class people would love to get into the upper class. Everyone else is part of the working class. They're the people who have to work for someone else because that's the only way they can get money, and who don't have any power at work. Unemployed people are also part of the working class. The working class don't have any power now, but almost everyone is working class (at least three people in five). All we have to do is stick together and we can do what we want.

The government and the rich would love us to fight amongst ourselves, and all too often people do. A lot of people with jobs look down on the unemployed, and a lot of people look down on people who earn less money. Other big problems are racism and sexism. People will blame unemployment on Aborigines or Asians, or on women working. Men are given more power than women, and white people are given more power than other races. But what people don't see is that the rich are laughing at all of us: black or white, male or female, none of us have much control over our lives unless we're rich. Everyone has to stand together. You have to look at whether you're taking the easy option and calling people slopes or bitches, feeling like you're on top of the world when really you're digging your own grave. All this can be pretty hard, but there's no other way. If you aren't going to try and stop being a racist or a sexist, don't bother getting in touch with us. Fight the power, or fuck off.

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Do you work in fast food? Are you sick of low wages, poor working conditions and injuries? Sick of being bossed around? McDonalds spend well over \$1 billion worldwide every year on ads and promotions to boost their image - yet they can't find a single penny to pay overtime. The aim is: get profits up and wage costs down. The time couldn't be better for workers not just in McDonalds, but in all fast food work places to organise

BURGER ALL

More than ever we are being divided into a dwindling permanent work force and a growing reserve of part-time casual and temporary workers. Encouraged by continual attacks by government on workers employment rights and cheap labour policies, 'flexible working' is now the norm for many of us, not just in fast food, but increasingly in every other sector.

Benefiting from this are the multinational food chains who have been able to keep the wages and conditions of their workers amongst the worst in the country, enabling them to reap massive profits. The biggest of these is McDonalds - the largest fast food operator in the world, making well over \$1 million profit a day. The rise of 'Big Mac' is one of the all time success stories of US corporate history - and a story of mass exploitation of workers. McDonalds profits depend on young workers keeping its labour costs down. Many workers are under 18 and still at school. In this way, they can pay poverty level wages.



McDonalds deliberately recruits from groups who are already discriminated against in the labour market. It feeds on foreign visitors, women and black workers who, with few opportunities, are forced to accept the poor wages and conditions.

TAKE 'EM OUT

But we don't have to accept this; McDonald's workers create the wealth of the company - they are therefore in a potentially strong position to use their labour power to start confronting this situation by organising. McDonald's know this all too well. They spend millions on trying to indoctrinate the workers with company propaganda: videos, lectures and even a 'McDonald's University'. Workers are bullied and in-

timidated into showing company loyalty. Any workers who try to do anything against the conditions or pay, are harassed and eventually forced out or sacked.

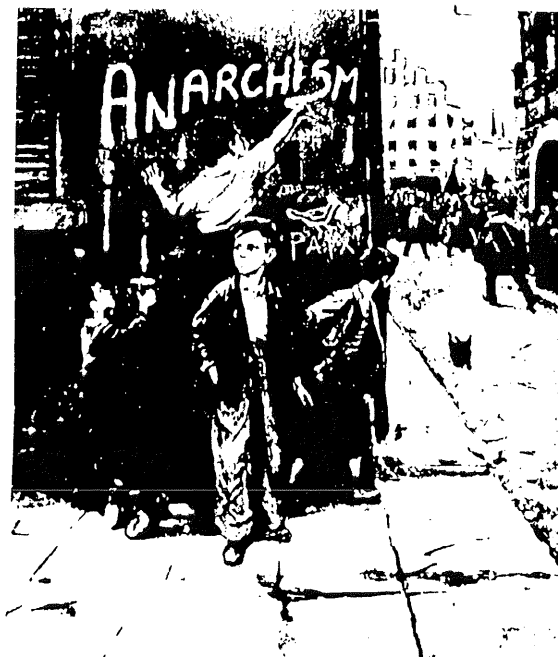
But there is resistance starting to grow and build the confidence for not just workers in McDonald's, but for all workers to take on their boss. And there couldn't be a better time to do it.

ON TRIAL

The company's business practices are currently under the spotlight in a mammoth libel trial at the High Court in London (set to continue till April). Two supporters of London Greenpeace are defending leaflets criticising McDonalds, including a whole section criticising crew pay and conditions. Thirty five ex-workers have come forward to help them by giving evidence of what really goes on inside the stores. This will benefit all McDonalds workers by forcing the company on to the defensive. So now is the time to organise!



WE'RE GONNA **REBEL** **AND REBEL NOW**



"You watch the pigs while I keep an eye on
the Trots"

You are Indiana 'Cop Killer' Jones: outside agitator, enemy within and all-round good-time rent-a-mob troublemaker.

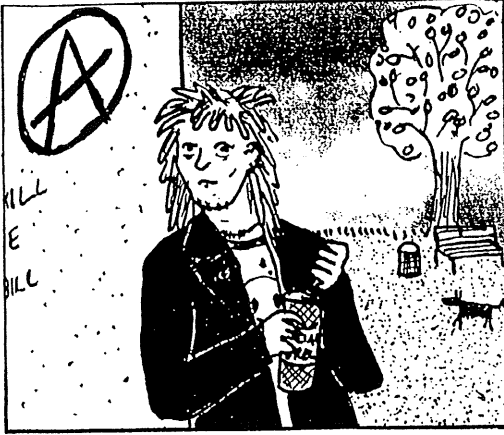
Taking time out from the heavy pressures of professional larceny and arsony is a must, so you decide on a quiet weekend in Oxford, the heart of 'Old England'.

Ah, how very civilized! It's good to get away from it all, ain't it? A little shopping, perhaps? Maybe a drink or two? Relax and enjoy the ambience of this beautiful and peaceful city.

NOW READ ON...

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While enjoying the sights, sounds and unique flavour of this historic city, you bump into a dodgy looking hippy you somehow feel you've met before



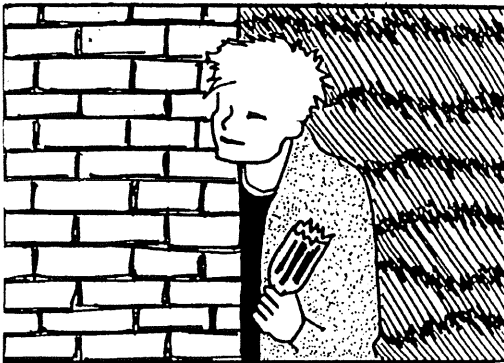
If you decide to stop and chat, go to Panel 6
If you smile and walk briskly on, go to Panel 12

Celebrate good times – c'mon! While some toast marshmallows on the embers of charred Ford Cosworths, others are dancing in the streets and singing rousing rebel songs



3

You run down the backstreets to the police station. The cops are chasing people out the front, so you nip into the car compound round the side



Do you wanna go trashing and burning all the cop cars? Make your way to Panel 31
Or siphon off some petrol and find something to burn? Go to Panel 13

Snatch them piggies back! You take three coppers hostage, drag them down a back street.



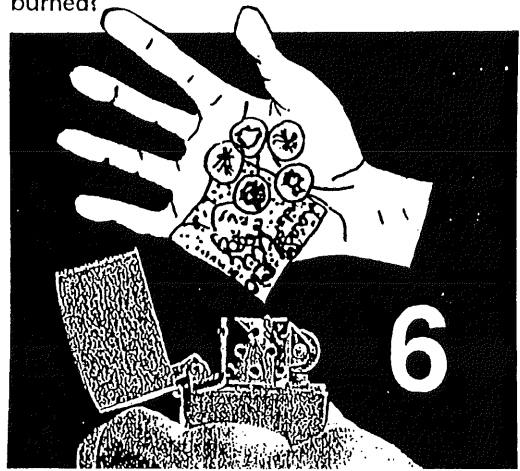
Do you kick them unconscious and get back to the action? Go to Panel 28
Or strip them naked and handcuff them to each other round a lamp post. Go to Panel 24

There's lots of shouting and you see people running



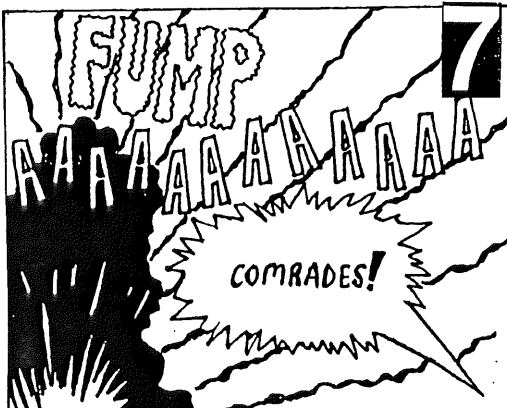
Do you join in the excitement? Go to Panel 8
Carry on in a different direction? Panel 19

He's out to sell you some hash. You've got enough money, but are you gonna get burned?



Decisions, decisions.
If you buy, go to Panel 21.
If you don't wanna, go to Panel 5

The tide of class anger is running high. You chase the cops back to the police station. Watch them piggies run! When you get there, it looks like the whole world's on fire. There's a bloke out front with a megaphone



Do you stop and listen to what he's saying?
Then go to Panel 34
If you carry on cop-trashing, go to Panel 28

There's a jumble sale at East Oxford Community Centre



Go in and have a look? Panel 30
Disappointed, you walk on. Go to Panel 17

You've just brained one of your own. The frenzied mob loses its momentum and is beaten back by the cops. You and 67 others are nicked, you get your nose broken down the station and done for riotous assembly

If you've got your scarf and sweat from the jumble, mask up now



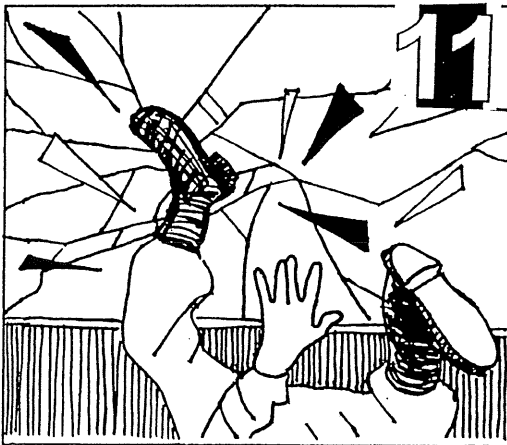
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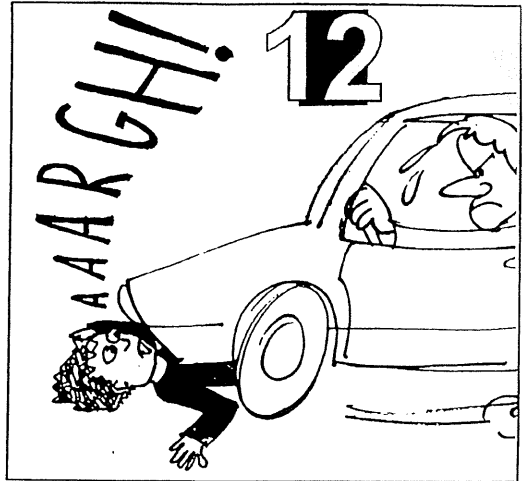
Time to get busy? Go to Panel 3
Or go find some ammo? Then go to Panel 23

You get into the control room, kill all the white collar workers, smash everything, and change back into your own clothes

Oo-er. You weren't looking where you were going, were you? Run over by a taxi



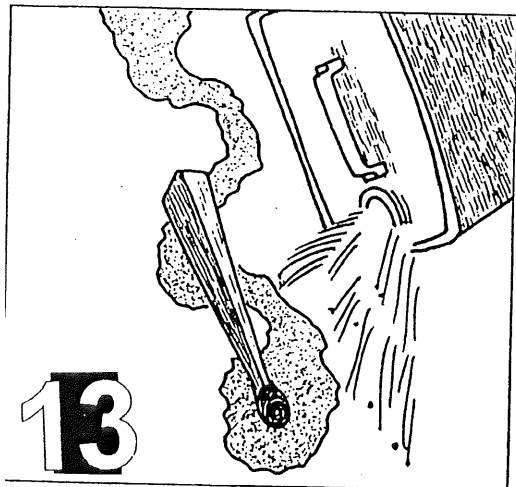
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You get everyone worth saving out of the police station and then you torch it

It's about time you had a pop at the piggies



Go to panel 35

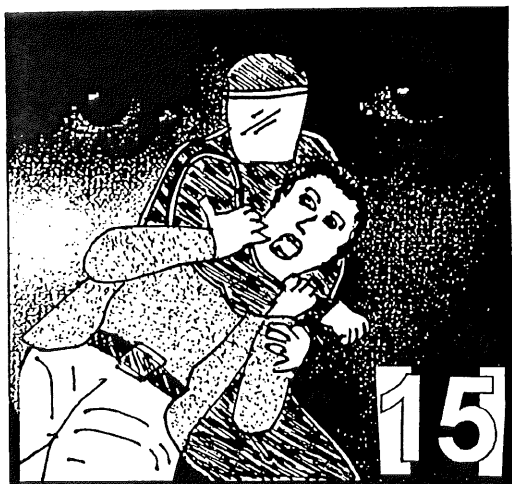


Do you keep a safe distance from the cops and heave bricks from the rear of the crowd? Go to Panel 9

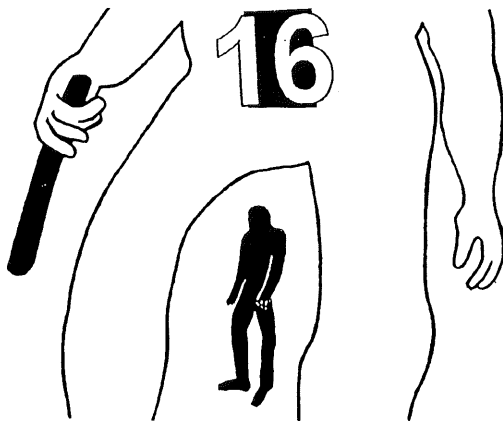
Or do you go to the front, get as close as you dare, and chuck them from there? Panel 7

The cops charge again and this time it's you that gets lifted

You carry on into town and as you reach Carfax you notice riot vans drawing up in all the back streets. Cops form a line across the road and charge, batons drawn



Go to panel 26



Do you run like hell? Go to Panel 10
Or stand your ground and taunt the cops? Panel 20

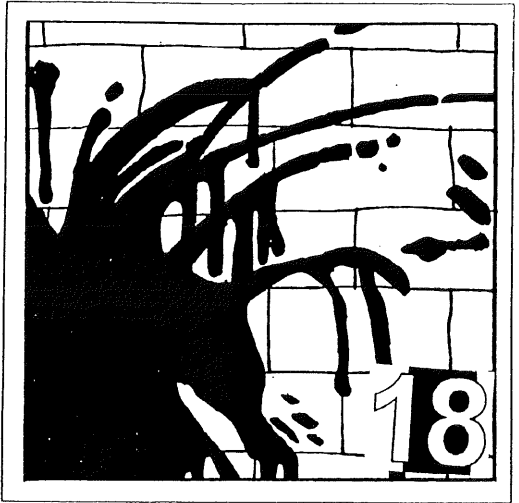
You're on your way into town when you walk straight into a massive suss operation on Magdalen Bridge



If you've bought drugs from the hippy, go to Panel 32

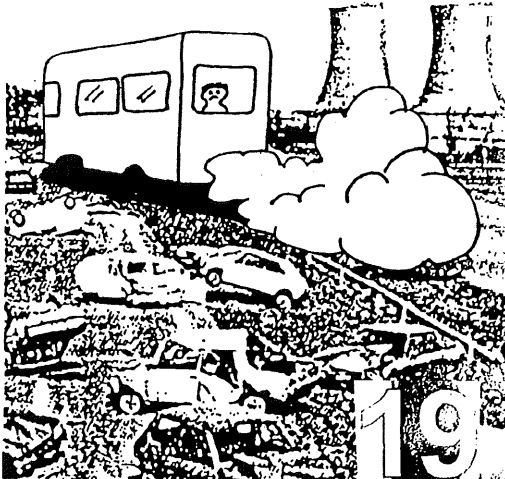
If you ain't carrying, go to Panel 25

You find the cells, liberate all the prisoners and lock up the gaolers



Go to Panel 13

You're in for a well dismal day. You go punting (wot a saddo) and by 6.30 you're on the coach home where you hear on the radio about what kicked off



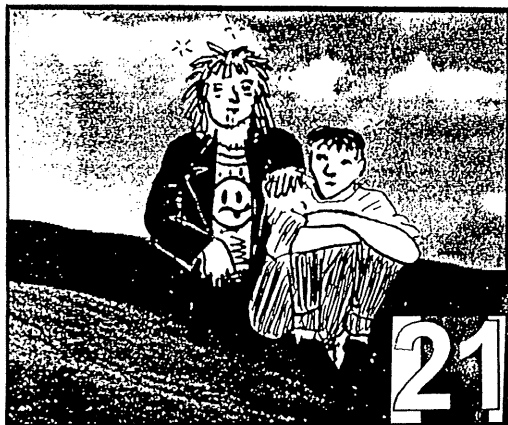
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You're fucked. You ain't tooled up. Yelling don't hurt no piggies. Nicked like a good 'un and battered. Set up for affray; four years inside



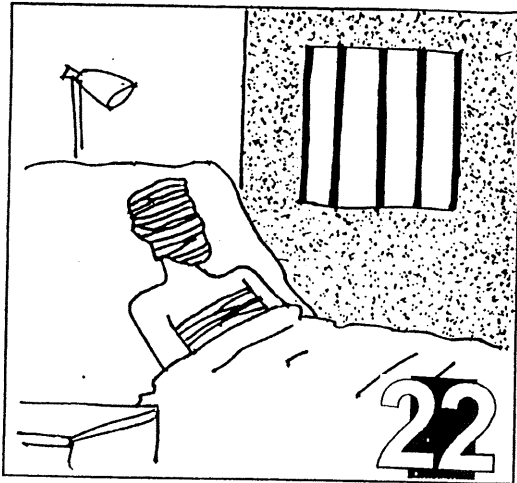
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You've scored! Sit on the grass and have a smoke with your dealer man. He says he's got a crate of Mad Dog indoors



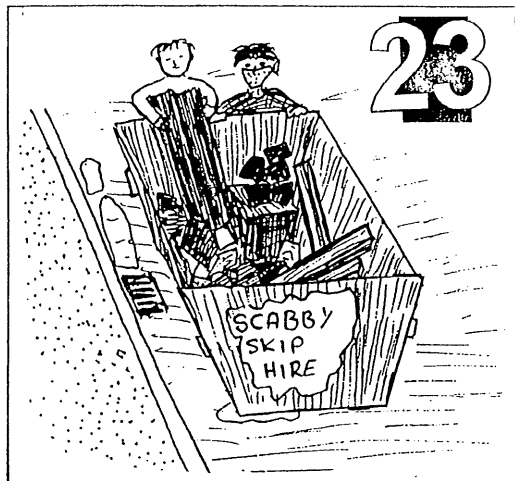
Up for a session? Go to Panel 33
Tell him thanks but you're gonna see what's happening in town? Go to Panel 5

Six of your crew are horribly burned and you scream as the skin melts off your face like a tallow candle. Spend two years in hospital and ten in prison



End of game

You and your mates find a skip



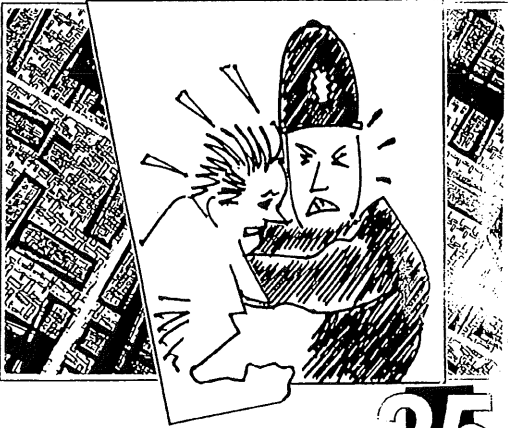
If you load up with half bricks, go to Panel 14
Or if you choose yourself some nice bits of wood for battering cops, go to Panel 27

You put on their uniforms, and without being mistaken by your own side, you manage to slip into the police station



Do you go upstairs? Go to Panel 18
Or downstairs? Go to Panel 11

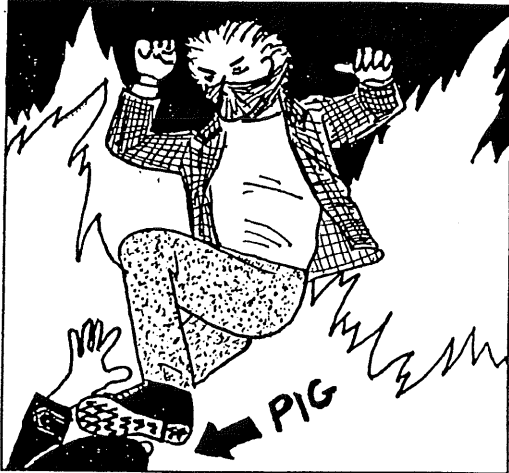
You didn't come to Oxford to get hassled by the Beast. Do you feel lucky? Well, you must do cos you've just nussed a constable. Next thing you know, everyone's piling in. The cops fuck off up the road



Go to Panel 16

25

You're in luck, comrade. A brigade of Kent miners haul you out and give the cops a good kicking on your behalf. Play on!



Go to Panel 7

26

You clash in hand-to-hand combat with the filth. Uh oh: snatch squads storm in and grab a comrade



27

You see the crowd destroy the police station and think your energy might be better spent elsewhere. Go looting down Cornmarket

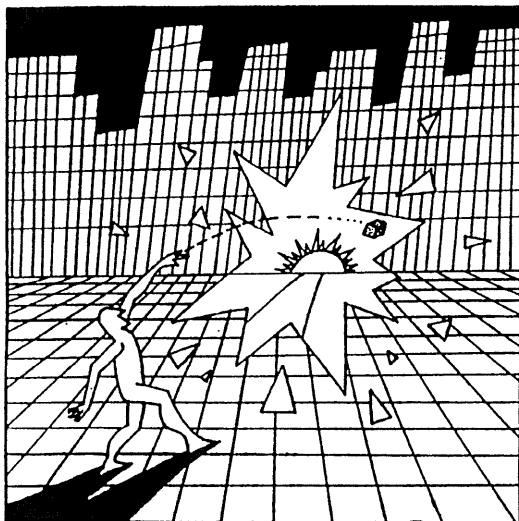


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Go to Panel 35

Do you get a bigger squad together and try to de-arrest them? Go to Panel 4
Or do you retreat and regroup? Go to Panel 15

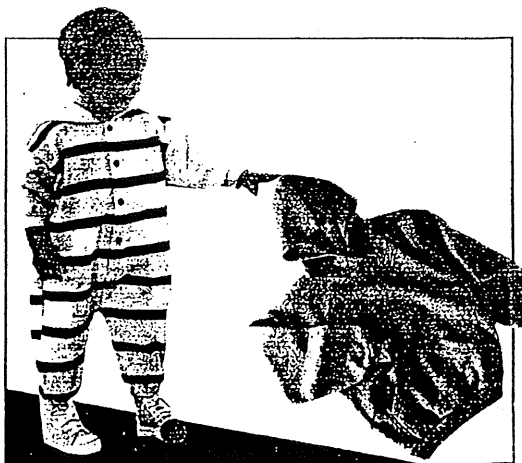
How did you get here?



Where are we trying to get to?

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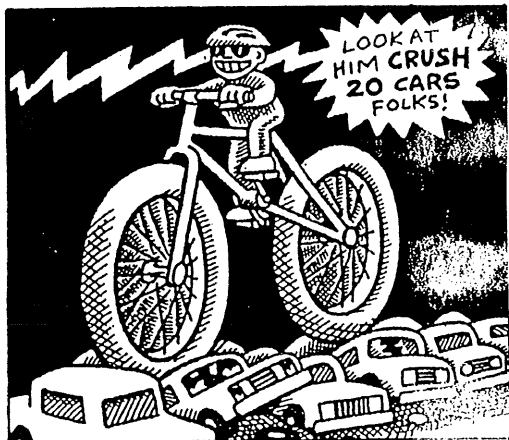
You buy a scarf and black hooded sweatshirt for 20p



Go to Panel 17

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Now for some bigtime damage



Do you turn all the cars over, get the petrol spreading and chuck a light? Go to Panel 22
Or do you smash in the windows, put wads of newspaper under the seats and burn 'em one by one? Go to Panel 2

31

Nicked for drugs. Only a fine but



End of game. Far out

32

Drink half a crate of M.D and too many spliffs.
Pass out, choke on your own vomit and die



End of game

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Socialist Workers Party members start making citizens arrests as the 'comrade' with the megaphone harangues the crowd with bolshevik rhetoric about a vanguard party. The commies help the cops regain control

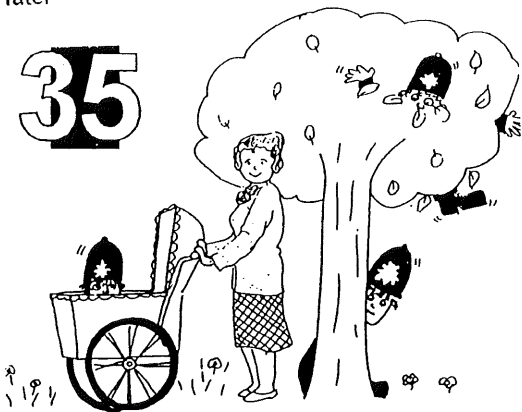


And you're nicked.

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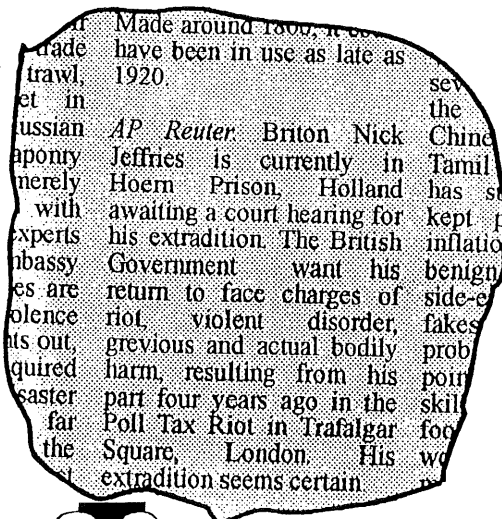
Saint Aldates cop shop is devastated. Coppers are hiding in Toys R Us. Troops flown over from Belfast only regain control three days later

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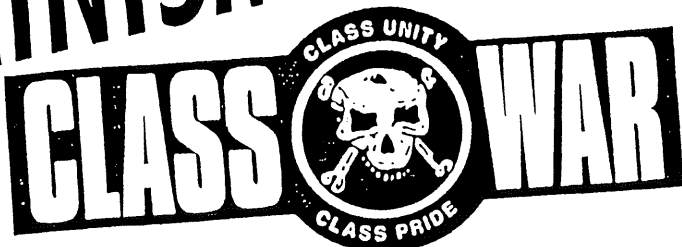
If you was scarfed up, go home and tell your mum about your great day out
If you wasn't masked, go to Panel 36

You got snapped having all that fun. Your face is on file forever. Look after yourself



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FEMINISM &



Anarchists want to bring about a free, stateless and equal society, that is one which is free of divisions, rank and one which is just and fair.

An excellent example of anarcha-feminists at work in the past is Mujeres Libres (Free Women), the spanish anarchist womin in the 1930's. They formed a womin only organisation which was affiliated to the CNT (A huge anarchist union which was the main force against the fascists etc). In the hey day of Mujeres Libres they had 160 groups throughout Spain, with 20,000 womin actively involved. They taught illiterate womin to read, provided creches, formed collectivised restaurants and provided health services etc.

Feminism doesn't mean female corporate power or a womin president: it means no corporate power and presidents. The equal rights amendment will not transform society: it only gives womin the 'right' to plug into a hierarchical economy. Challenging sexism means challenging all hierarchy - economic, politcal and personal. And that means an anarchist feminist revolution!"



Christianity Is Really Really DUMB!

Christianity is really dumb for several reasons. I go to a dumb catholic school and have to sit through about 40 minutes of religious bullshit every day. That's about 200 minutes a week and 8000 minutes a year. Or over my whole school life I will have spent about 48000 minutes or 800 hours listening to some old guy say God is great. I myself don't believe in any religion, or anything for that matter, so my religion period is a "catch up on sleep period". But in my brief moments of alertness I have managed to pick up many contradictions in Catholicism such as the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill', thinking this would be final would be a mistake it actually has three exceptions the first of which is you can kill in self-defence. The next is the death penalty and the last is in a "just" war, where a just war is classified as a war where Christianity and the morals of Christians are at stake. So if the Muslims bomb Rome and the pope and friends are killed or injured the Catholics can bomb the fuck out of them and kill all of them and this is allowable by God. I say let the Pope die! Now go to

your bibles class and look up Leviticus 18:6-30 and you will clearly see that God, ne Jesus, ne the holy ghost, must be schizophrenic, and must also be a racist redneck homophobic Nazi. If you think about it Hitler was Christian and "inspired" by god but all he did was kill millions of people because they didn't look like him. Fuck you god. Strike me down if you dare. You tyrant. You nonexistent fraud. Take a look at most of the cults in todays society and you will see that most of them are also "inspired" by the lord almighty god. Then the leader says "Lets all kill ourselves. Because we believe in the afterlife. Because god has willed it". Can I ask why? I wonder if the Christians ever heard of a little thing called evolution that took place a few billion years ago. One things for sure most people at my school are Catholic and most of them are total and utter dickheads, spot the connection. Once again let me say Christianity is really really dumb. After all religion was only created to keep the masses in order.

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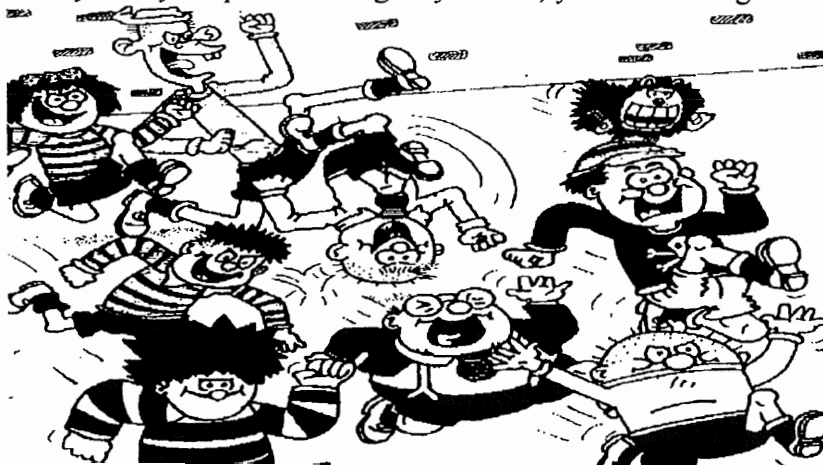
What's Wrong With School? (Answer: Everything)

Have you ever sat in class, bored shitless, and wondered what the lesson had to do with anything? Are you really going to end up in the gutter because you don't know the sixteenth element in the periodic table? How is knowing about the feudal system going to help you? This is the first thing that's wrong with school. You don't get to decide what's important to you and what isn't. Everyone has to learn the same things. But everyone's different - everyone wants to do different things, some people learn things at a different speed and in a different way. No matter what you want isn't important, it's what they decide is good for you.

Teachers are supposed to be fair with getting people into trouble. But it doesn't work that way. 'Smart kids' get favoured over the rest. And of course 'smart kids' means kids who get good marks - not kids who are more intelligent. People who get bad marks don't get helped, they get picked on. And kids who get good marks get away with a lot.

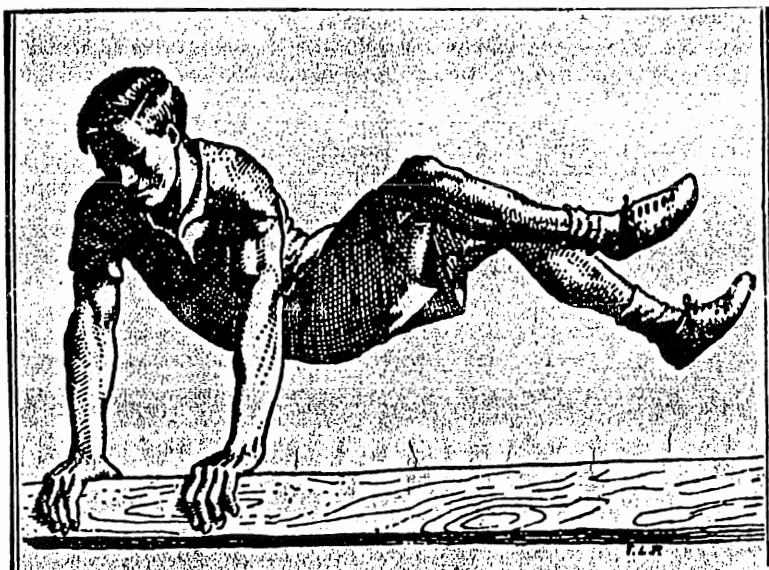
Everyone's supposed to have the same chance to get an education. But money talks. Some people can buy their way into private schools. Ordinary kids are supposed to put up with crap education, and have the same chance as someone who's had the best private schools and private tutors. If you're parents can't buy you a good education, it doesn't matter how smart you are - you'll miss out while the rich kids get all the chances.

It isn't just that ordinary schools are worse. If you're not some snotty rich kid, you might find that you need more money than your parents will give you. So, you'll have to get a



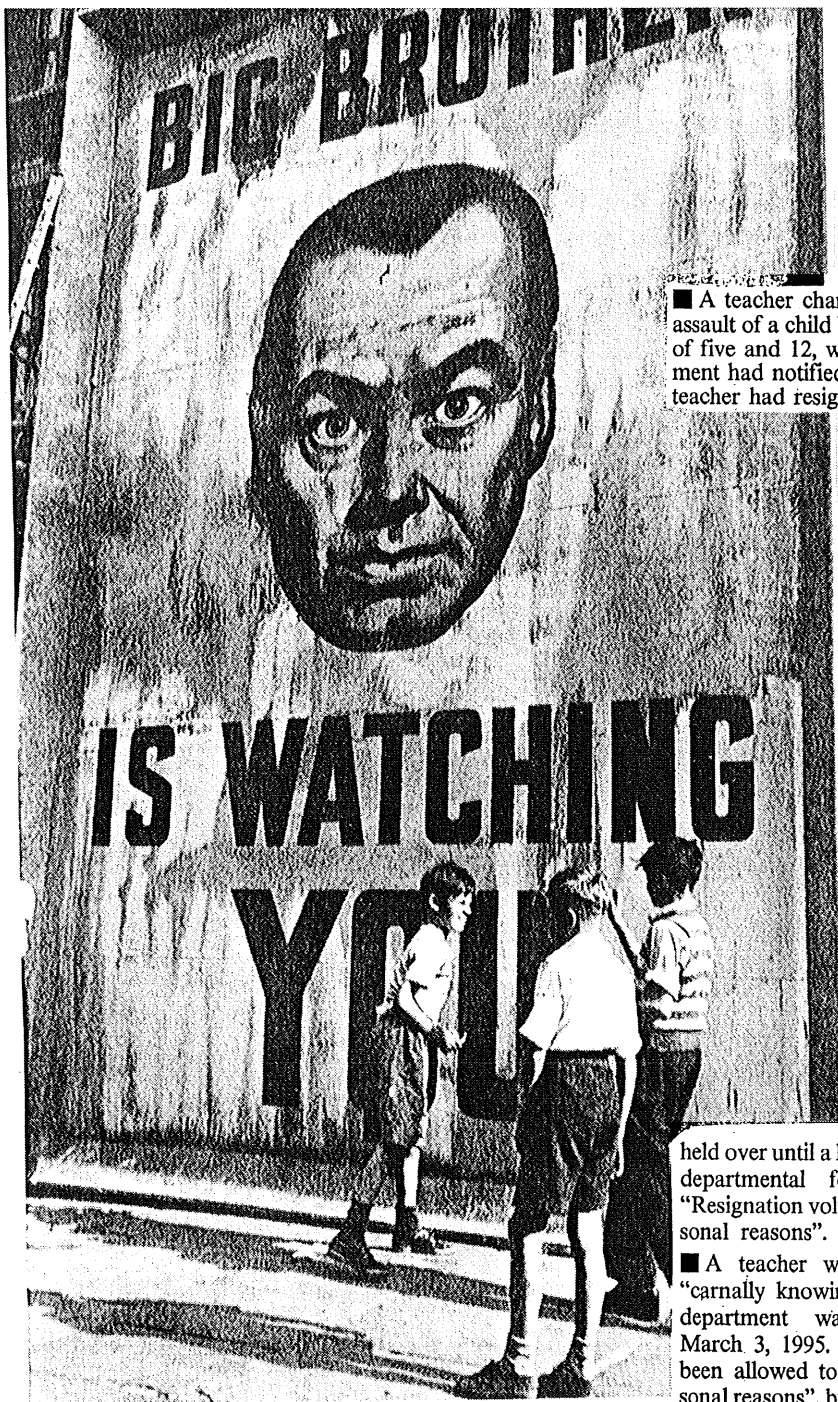
job. But teachers don't understand. You still have to do the same amount of homework and assignments, and too bad if you can't find the time. It's no wonder that rich kids do better, when a lot of people don't have time to learn.

So basically, school is shit because you're told what to do, it's run by people who don't care about you, and what you get is based on how much money you have. But, that's what's wrong with everything. Politicians don't care about you any more than teachers do. The police will pick on you just like teachers (only worse - most teachers don't bash up their students). And in life, you get the justice you pay for. So it isn't just that school has to be changed. If you don't like what you're given at school, you won't like what you're given outside of school.



A FENCE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS
THE PEOPLE WHO STAY BEHIND IT





■ A teacher charged with sexual assault of a child between the ages of five and 12, where the department had notified the police. The teacher had resigned, the charges

held over until a later date, and the departmental form had said: "Resignation voluntary", for "personal reasons".

■ A teacher was convicted of "carnally knowing a pupil". The department was notified on March 3, 1995. The teacher had been allowed to resign for "personal reasons", but the internal file said he was not to be re-employed without reference to the personnel director. The statement of service said the teacher's performance had been "satisfactory".

CHILDREN could be at risk because 106 teachers suspected of sexual misconduct are still working in the school system, an education chief admitted yesterday.

Education director-general Ken Boston, giving evidence to the NSW police royal commission, admitted his department bungled the handling of child abuse allegations.

The 106 teachers will now be investigated or monitored — but the alert only follows the department's review of previously "closed" files.

These suspect teachers are in addition to more than 80 education employees already under investigation, and about 100 new complaints of sexual impropriety received in the past two weeks.

Premier Bob Carr immediately recalled Education Minister John Aquilina from overseas yesterday

and announced a crisis meeting when told of the new evidence.

"The disclosures made at the royal commission today are frightening for every parent," Mr Carr said, adding that they amounted to a "terrible breach of trust".

Dr Boston was forced to concede at the Wood royal commission that some children may be at risk.

Under questioning by counsel assisting Paddy Bergin, Dr Boston

admitted that a special sex abuse investigative unit, which he formed last year, was simply not up to the job.

"Until Monday night, you weren't aware of the other problems in the department?"

"That's true," Dr Boston replied.

He agreed the extent of the problems were not known until the commission began exposing them.

"Do you take the view firmly now

that there is a need for an independent body (to investigate)?"

"Yes," Dr Boston replied.

Later, Ms Bergin asked: "Are there any other matters within the Case Management Unit of which you are aware that you would regard as placing children at risk at the moment; that is, where cases have not been gone over properly where children may still be at risk?"

"Yes," Dr Boston replied.

Evidence from the commission indicates the Department of School Education systematically

106 suspect teachers still in the classroom

transferred teachers accused of child abuse, or on resignation gave them favourable references. Other teachers have been medically retired with letters of "regret".

In most cases, no reference was made to the allegations of sexual impropriety.

Many of those who resigned are believed to have sought teaching jobs in private schools or interstate, using their references.

The department's Director of Personnel, Richard Irving, was also questioned yesterday about another 100 or so former employees who may have received "the tick of approval" in favourable letters.

As a result, the department is notifying every teaching institution in Australia, advising them to check with its officials if they employ workers who possess NSW statements of service.

Dr Boston agreed with Ms Bergin that if a principal did not believe abuse allegations against a teacher, the complaint might never be reported to Department of Community Services workers as required.

"It might not, but if it does not the principal clearly is committing an offence," Dr Boston said.

"But that doesn't protect the child, does it?" asked Ms Bergin.

"No," Dr Boston said.

The education chief has previously agreed that evidence at the commission shows the department's policies are not ensuring that DOCS are told of allegations against teachers.

"If you have a recalcitrant principal that problem will remain," Dr Boston said.

The manager of the Case Management Unit, Roslyn Coomber, yesterday conceded her special investigative unit was vastly under-resourced and under-staffed.

It was not until the royal commission began exposing the false references last week that the unit began a complete reviews of the 400 cases on its files.

Ms Bergin: "In the 106 you've listed (to be monitored), you would agree there may be situations where children are at risk?"

Ms Coomber: "The purpose of the monitoring is to ensure that that's not the case."

"But you would agree that that's the reason you want it monitored, because you're concerned that children may be at risk?"

"We just wish to double check that they're not at risk, yes."

The commission heard the Education Department's policy requires teachers to report to their principal, who must then report to DOCS.

It does not state that teachers must report to DOCS if the principal does not.

"If that's not clear in the document then we will certainly be making it clear in the training and development program and in any other way possible," Dr Boston said.

"Perhaps we should have spelt that out more explicitly."

REDFERN AT WAR AGAIN!

(late Jan.) One hundred people attacked police in Eveleigh St, Redfern in an attempt to free four people that had been arrested. Hassling the residents of Eveleigh St for the umpteenth time, the cops suffered under a hailstorm of bricks and bottles. Unfortunately they still managed to carry out the arrests - although some sustained injuries during the riot. Cops have had a number of shots at crushing local dissent in those few "notorious" streets of Redfern but are continuously met with fierce resistance from those who have nothing to lose.

These few streets are populated mainly by Aborigines who are branded by local police as troublemakers deserving nothing but contempt. Redfern Aborigines have shown on numerous occasions that their path toward self-determination will not be crushed. Now, ain't it about time we took a leaf out of their book?

5000 RIOT AT PORT MACKAI!

When cops tried to take control of a crowd revelling at Port Macquarie on New Year's Eve they were taken by surprise as 5000 joined together to repel their efforts. A riot began and missiles were launched at the cops. One cop was knocked unconscious when a well aimed linnie hit him on the head. If cops are gonna spend their time breaking up our gatherings and events they can only expect to be met with the fiercest resistance. This, and other similar instances, are not solely a manifestation of anti-police sentiment but a show of strength in order to hold onto territory that is OURS! However, if we really want total control over our lives and the areas we live and work in we'll have to learn to keep the cops at bay for more than just a few hours.

Garfield

by Jim Davis



COP ADMITS RACISM

NSW copper, Sgt Ken Jurotte, admitted what we all knew already when he said "Aboriginal people are viewed by many police as ignorant, second-class citizens". He went on to say "Some still joke about the good ol' days when you could go out and shoot a few blacks". It's bloody obvious that the real thugs and anti-social elements within our communities strut around in spiffy uniforms under the pretence of caring for our welfare and doing something useful. Don't make us laugh!



We all want justice and equality.

But it's only by working together in our different neighbourhoods, all across the country, that we can achieve that.

The people who run this country, the bosses and politicians, rely on the police to keep us in line.

They don't want us to fight back.

But, together with your neighbours, you can.

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FILTH

If you see coppers dishing it out, don't turn a blind eye, get your mates and give the police a taste of their own medicine.

By working together we can reduce opportunities for these anti-social thugs.

And if we all do something today, the criminals who hide behind the filth will stand a lot less chance of getting away with it.

Blacktown coppers queue up at Macka's



**Rapes, muggings and domestic violence?
NOT DURING LUNCH HOUR!**

**TOMORROW
BELONGS**

TO US!

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